TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Prior to implementation of recommendations of IVth Pay Commission, 3 additional increments were being granted to Technical Assistants working in Joint Cipher Bureau (JCB). However, these increments were discontinued with effect from 1-1-86 as IVth Pay Commission did not recommend grant of the increments.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) As the IVth Pay Commission did not recommend the grant of these increments, the same can't be granted.

Unauthorised Constructions in Cantonment Boards, Kanpur and Lucknow

2597. DR. BALDEV PRAKASH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cantonment Boards at Kanpur and Lucknow are not preventing construction of multistoryed buildings for sometime in the past in their areas;

(b) if so, what are the details of the buildings thus constructed without any approval of the authorities; and

(c) what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) There is no multi-storeyed building (building having more than 4 storeys) in Kanpur or Lucknow Cantonments. However, one three storey building, namely 161/162, Sadar Bazar, in Lucknow Cantonement, was constructed unauthorisedly in 1991. The Cantonment Board had initiated proceedings under the Cantonments Act, 1924, and also filed a civil suit in the Court of Civil Judge, Lucknow, for restraining the owner from carrying out further unauthorised construction. The Court has issued an injunction order restraining the owner from making:

(a) further unauthorised construction; and

(b) letting out the unauthorised portion.

Certain unauthorised constructions of a few buildings (2 to 4 storeyed) have occurred in Kanpur Cantonment. The details of such constructions in Kanpur Cantonment, referred to in part (b) of the Question, as well as action taken in this regard by the Cantonment Board are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

French offer for sale of Mirage N-Fighter

2598. DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the French Government had made an offer to sell 60 Mirage N-Fighter Jets to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Indo-Russian Joint Ventures

2599. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Russian Joint ventures for armaments manufacturing are unlikely to materialise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There is no concrete proposal at present under consideration, for Indo-Russian Joint Ventures for armament manufacture.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cases pertaining to Danapur Cantonment

2600. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many court cases in the Supreme Court, High Court Patna, Patna District Court and local Courts at Dallapur are pending pertaining to assessment cases, unauthorised construction and encroachments within Danapur Cantonment Board (Bihar);

(b) if so, what is the break-up figure of court cases in the above courts since last six years and total expenditure involved (year-wise);

(c) what is the number of court cases in favour of and against Danapur Cantonment Board (Bihar) and number pending in such courts (year-wise); and

(d) whether Government propose to take measures to minimise expenditure over court cases?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) 68 court cases in respect of unauthorised construction have been filed by the Cantonmnt Board in the Sub-Divisional Court, Danapur. In addition, in 2 cases, the Cantonment Board has filed appeals against the orders of the District Court, Patna.

In 3 cases, orders of assessment of the Cantonment Board have been appealed against in the District Court, Patna, and in one case the Cantonment Board has appealed against the order of the District Court, Patna. As regards encroachments, one case has been filed by the Cantonment Board in the Sub-Divisional Court, Danapur.

There is no case pending in the Supreme Court.

The year-wise break-up of cases in various Courts for the last six years is under compilation and will be laid on the Table of the House.

The year-wise expenditure on Court cases incurred by the Danapur Cantonment Board during the last 6 years is as follows:—

Year	Amount
1986-87 .	Rs. 6,063/-
1987-88 .	Rs. 30,562/-
1988-89 .	Rs. 34,223/-
1989-90 .	Rs. 31,193/-
1990-91 .	Rs. 12,708/-
1991-92 .	Rs. 12,901/-
Total	Rs. 1,27,650/-

Most of the Court cases filed by the Government pertains to recovery of Government dues and in defence of title of Government properties lands and are thus, generally, not susceptible to reduction.